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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th February 1876.*

No. 88. Read the following endorsement of the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 193 R. :—

Despatch from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated Fort William, 19th January 1876, No. 17 R.

WE have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 108, Railway, dated the 11th November 1875, forwarding copy of a letter from the Directors, South Indian Railway Company, appealing against the orders issued by our Government, which, it is represented, have resulted in the stoppage of work, not only at the Company's terminal stations, but on the line generally north of the Cooum river, and requesting to be furnished with our proceedings in the matter.

2. In reply, we beg to forward a copy of our letter, No. 1,874 R., dated the 28th July 1875, to the Government of Madras, containing the orders referred to by the Directors. To this letter we have received no reply. In October last we received a communication from the Government of Madras, enclosing a letter from the Acting Agent, South Indian Railway, stating that, before our orders were received, it had been arranged that, as the terminal passenger station could not be ready for a considerable time, the line should be worked, when any part could be opened, from a proposed temporary goods station at Madras, and requesting permission to carry out these temporary arrangements at an early date. The Madras Government were of opinion that, pending a decision on the point, concerning which information had been called for by us in July last, these arrangements should be deferred. We, however, decided that the line should be completed and opened to the temporary goods station at Madras, as recommended by the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company. A copy of the correspondence is enclosed.

3. It will thus be seen that the Government of India are not responsible for any delay that has occurred in deciding the question of station arrangements at Madras, and that even the Railway Authorities in Madras never contemplated more than temporary station arrangements for the present. We would add that we still adhere to the suggestions made to the Government of Madras in our letter of the 28th July last. We are in short of opinion that, unless there is some vital objection to the contrary, of which we have not yet been informed, the permanent passengers and goods termini of the South Indian Railway at Madras should be in immediate connection with the passengers and goods termini of the Madras Railway, at the sites of which there is, we believe, ample room for the stations of both Railways.

4. We think that two distinct terminal stations for the South Indian Railway at Madras, altogether apart from those of the Madras Railway, are unnecessary, and that if allowed to be constructed before the matter has been thoroughly well considered in all its bearings, the additional stations will not only involve needless capital outlay, but that the arrangement will be inconvenient and expensive to the working of the through traffic of both lines.

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7th February 1876.*

Copy of correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order,)

(Signed) H. DRUMMOND, Colonel, R.E.,
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 11th November 1875, No. 108 R.

HEREWITH is transmitted a copy of a letter* from the Directors of the South Indian Railway Company, appealing against orders issued by your Government, which, it is represented, have resulted in the stoppage of work not only at the Company's terminal stations, but on the line generally north of the river Cooum.

* Dated 19th October 1875, No. 134.

2. From the papers forwarded by the Board it appears that the Madras Government and the Company considered that the question of the Company's Madras Terminus had been settled, and work was proceeded with accordingly, while your Government, regarding it as still an open question, have directed inquiries to be made whether one station at Madras will not suffice for the two Railways having their termini in that city. The misunderstanding which may result in unprofitable expenditure and delay is to be regretted; and it is most desirable that a final decision should be arrived at without further loss of time.

3. I request that your Excellency will furnish me, at an early date, with a statement of your further proceedings in this matter.

From the Managing Director, South Indian Railway Company, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 19th October 1875, No. 134.

I AM desired by the Board to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State, copies of papers recently received from India regarding the station arrangements of this Company in Madras, and to solicit His Lordship's attention to the orders given by the Government of India resulting in work being stopped at the new stations and on the line north of the river Cooum.

2. The whole facts of the case relating to the terminal arrangements of the Company in Madras are so succinctly set forth in Colonel Shaw-Stewart's letter of 14th June 1875, (to which reference is requested,) that it appears to the Directors to be unnecessary to recapitulate them, nor do they consider it requisite to enlarge upon the inconvenience inseparable from working a joint station, enhanced as these would be in the present instance (if the Madras Railway Station be used also for the traffic of the South Indian Company) by the necessity of having a mixed gauge. The Board would however briefly point out that the question of a separate terminal station for this Company in Madras was fully considered in all its bearings by the Madras Government and the Company in 1872-73, and was eventually decided on as the best possible course in all interests, that the designs for the passenger station by an Architect recommended by Government were approved, that a large expenditure has already been incurred, and that considerable progress has been made towards the completion of the work.

3. Under these circumstances, and when the Company were using their utmost endeavours to open the line at the earliest possible period, it appears to the Board to be matter for regret that the orders above referred to should have been issued, and they would be glad if the Secretary of State would, on consideration of the case, be pleased to give such instructions as will allow of the works being resumed without further delay.

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7th February 1876.*

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ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1876, No. 326.

RAILWAY, No. 11.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will at once furnish the report called for in G.O., No. 2,263, of 5th August 1875.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 17 Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY.

To

The Most Hon'ble the Marquis of Salisbury,
Secretary of State for India.

Fort William, January 19, 1876.

MY LORD MARQUIS,

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We have the honor to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient and humble Servants,

NORTHBROOK.

NAPIER OF MAGDALA.

H. W. NORMAN.

A. HOBHOUSE.

E. C. BAYLEY.

W. MUIR.

A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

A. CLARKE.

Documents accompanying.

- 1.—Public Works Department No. 1874 R, dated 28th July 1875, to the Government of Madras.
- 2.—From Government of Madras, Nos. 2739 and 2806 of 21st and 29th September 1875 respectively.
- 3.—To Government of Madras, No. 2628 R, dated 22nd October 1875.
- 4.—Plan of Madras.

No. 193 R.

Copy of correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By order)

H. Brumby

Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

Forwards papers and reports proceedings showing that the Government of India are not responsible for the delay that has occurred in deciding the question of station arrangements at Madras as represented by the Directors.

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Communicated to the
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